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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: KISSINGER, HENRY A., BR

SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN TRIP

REF: STATE 266001

1. IN A CONVERSATION OF NOVEMBER 12 I HAD WITH SILVEIRA, HE ASKED WHETHER I HAD HAD ANY FURTHER WORD ON A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY. I REPLIED, AS INSTRUCTED, THAT I HAD HOPED TO HAVE, FOR THE MEETING WITH HIM, FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE LAST INFORMATION THE EMBASSY HAD HAD ON OCTOBER 20 BUT THAT I HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY NEW INFORMATION YET.

2. SILVEIRA TOLD ME, IN A PERFECTLY AMIABLE WAY, THAT HE COULD NOT KEEP GOING TO THE PRESIDENT TO ARRANGE DATES WITHOUT SOMETHING VERY FIRM IN HAND. HE SAID THAT HE HIMSELF UNDERSTOOD AND SYMPATHIZED WITH THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE SECRETARY HAD HAD AND HAS, BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN EASY TO EXPLAIN THEM TO THE PRESIDENT, WHOSE ATTITUDE WAS THAT THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMETHING COMING UP THAT WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN BRAZIL. I THANKED SILVEIRA FOR HIS UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE AND SAID I THOUGHT THAT HIS RELUCTANCE TO GO TO THE PRESIDENT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WAS PERFECTLY NATURAL.

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3. THIS AFTERNOON, THE DCM TOOK A PHONE CALL FOR ME FROM SOUTO MAIOR, SILVEIRA'S CHIEF OF CABINET, WHO SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD ASKED HIM TO FOLLOW UP ON THE NOVEMBER 12 CONVERSATION WITH THIS INFORMATION:

A. SILVEIRA DOES NOT HAVE ANY ENGAGEMENTS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF JANUARY;

B. THERE IS AN OFFICIAL VISIT (BY THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER) SCHEDULED FOR ABOUT JANUARY 20.

C. SILVEIRA MUCH PREFERS THAT NO ANNOUNCEMENTS BE MADE UNTIL ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETE AND UNTIL CLOSE TO THE DATE OF THE VISIT.

D. SILVEIRA WAS READY TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC DATES WITH ME AT ANY TIME.

R. THE DCM TOLD SOUTO MAIOR THAT I WOULD BE PASSING THIS INFORMATION ALONG AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH SILVEIRA WHEN I HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER FROM WASHINGTON.

5. SILVEIRA HAS AN AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL EVERY FRIDAY MORNING SO IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT SILVEIRA DID RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE HAS BEEN CHECKED OUT WITH HIM.

5. COMMENT: IF SILVEIRA DID IN FACT TALK TO GEISEL ABOUT THE VISIT, DESPITE ITS STILL UNDEFINED STATUS, HE MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO BUTTRESS HIS POSITION, WHICH HAS BEEN SHAKEN BY VERY STRONG PERSONAL ATTACKS BY THE PRESS ARISING FROM THE BRAZILIAN VOTE IN ZIONISM AND THE QUICK ACTION ON ANGOLA. A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY WOULD BE A BOOST FOR SILVEIRA, AND HE CERTAINLY COULD USE ONE.  
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